

# Canadian Society of Civil Engineers.

## BALLOT FOR AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS.

The following proposals for amendment to By-Laws have been drafted by the special committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting for this purpose. They have been considered and approved by the Council, and are submitted to vote in accordance with By-Law No. 48.

To vote AYE draw a pen through NAY.

To vote NAY draw a pen through AYE.

Not to vote make no mark.

To substitute for the word "voting" wherever it occurs, the word "Corporate."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law No. 9, in the first and second lines, by deleting the words "who is not a civil engineer by profession but."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law No. 13, in the last two lines, by inserting after the word "applicant" the words "and the name of one Corporate Member given as reference."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law No. 14, in the second line, by deleting the words "to be."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 15, eighth line, by substituting for the words "he shall cease to be a member" the words "such election shall be void."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 17 to read as follows:—

"Upon the written request of ten or more Corporate Members, that for cause therein set forth a person belonging to the Society be expelled, the Council shall consider the matter, and if there appear to be sufficient reason shall advise the accused of the charges against him. He may, if he so desire, present a written defence, which shall be considered at a meeting of the Council of which he shall receive due notice. Not less than two months after such meeting, the Council shall finally reconsider the case, and if resignation has not been tendered or a defence made which is satisfactory to the Council, it shall then notify the person that he will be expelled in one month, unless he elect to appeal from this decision. Appeals shall be submitted to the Corporate Members by letter ballot in a form to be prescribed by the Council. The ballot shall be accompanied by a statement of the charges, and of the action of the Council thereon, with such information as it deems proper, and also the statement of the person making the appeal. The ballot shall be canvassed by the Council not less than twenty days after its issue. A majority of the ballots cast will be required to sustain the action of the Council. The Council shall notify the person and the Corporate Members of the result of the ballot. In case no appeal be made the Council shall expel the person and notify him and the Corporate Members of its action."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 19, in the fifth line, by introducing the word "non-resident" before the words "student members," and by adding to the By-Law the following clause:—

"Persons elected after six months of any fiscal year shall have expired shall pay only one-half of the amount of dues for that fiscal year."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 21, in the fifth line, by inserting after the word "due" the words "for fees including those."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 22, in the first line, by substituting the words "who is in arrears for dues" for "whose dues are in arrears," and in the fifth line, by striking out the word "off."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 23, in the second line, by substituting for the word "off" the word "from."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 27, in the first two lines, to read "the officers of the Society shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer or a Secretary-Treasurer, the last three surviving," etc.

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 28 to read "There shall be an elective Council consisting of the President, Vice-Presidents and Councilors, together with Honorary Councilors and a Secretary and Treasurer or a Secretary-Treasurer, if so elected. Of this Council five shall constitute a quorum. The members of Council shall retain their position until their successors have been appointed."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 28a by changing the word "President" to "Chairman" and "Vice-President" to "Vice-Chairman."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 29, in the sixth line, by substituting the word "Chairman" for "President," and the word "Vice-Chairman" for "Vice-President."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 33, beginning with the ninth line, to read "The Council shall also appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer or a Secretary-Treasurer, and such subordinate officers as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the Society at such salaries as it may deem fit. All officers having the funds of the Society in hand shall be required to give adequate bonds. The Secretary and Treasurer or the Secretary-Treasurer may, if so elected by the Council, have a seat and vote thereon."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Laws 35 to 43 inclusive to read as follows:

"A Committee of nine Corporate Members shall be elected annually, and these, together with the last three surviving Past Presidents, shall constitute the Nominating Committee.

"The Secretary shall send to all Corporate Members—at the same time that he sends the list of members nominated for office—a form of ballot (Form Z) for the election of the elective members of the Nominating Committee. The Corporate Members shall elect representatives on the Nominating Committee as follows: Those resident in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, one member; those resident in the Province of Quebec, two members; those resident in the Province of Ontario, three members; those resident in Canada to the north and west of the Province of Ontario, two members; and those living outside of Canada or Newfoundland, one member—who shall be resident at headquarters.

"The ballot for the election of members of the Nominating Committee shall be returned to the Secretary of the Society with the ballot for election of officers, and shall be examined and reported on by scrutineers appointed at the same time and in the same manner as the scrutineers of the ballot for the election of officers.

"The member or members for each district receiving the greatest number of votes shall constitute the elected part of the Nominating Committee. In the event, however, of any member so elected, refusing to act, the member having the next highest number of votes shall be elected. If, for any reason any of the above named representatives should not be elected, the vacancies thus arising shall be filled by ballot at the current Annual Meeting.

"Within sixty days of the date of its election, the Committee shall elect a Chairman in the following manner: Each member shall send his vote in a sealed envelope with his signature on the outside and endorsed "Chairman of Nominating Committee" to the Secretary of the Society, whose duty it shall be to place all the votes received before the Council at its first meeting after the expiration of the above term. The Council shall open the ballots and through the Secretary notify the members of the Committee of the result of the election for Chairman. Should the Committee fail to elect a Chairman within the sixty days' limit, the Council shall make the appointment and notify the Committee thereof.

"The Chairman shall, within thirty days after formal notification of his election, furnish each member of the Committee with a ballot form upon which is to be written the name of one Corporate Member for President, three for Vice-Presidents, and fifteen for Councillors, of which last, two must be specifically nominated as representatives of each of the four sectional departments. The members of the Committee must sign their ballot papers, and these are to be kept on file by the Chairman subject to the instructions of the Council. The Chairman shall then call a meeting of the Committee, of which three members shall form a quorum, and which shall from the ballots received as above, prepare a list containing thirty-six or more names of Corporate Members eligible for office; one for President, who must previously have served as Vice-President, five for Vice-Presidents, of whom at least three shall not previously have held that office, and thirty or more for Councillors, of which at least twelve shall be resident at headquarters, and of these twelve not less than two must be nominated as representatives of each of the four sectional departments. Two at least of the Corporate Members residing outside of the headquarters district shall also be nominated as representatives of each of the sectional departments. Selection of representatives of each of the sectional departments shall be made from amongst those members who are or have been engaged in teaching or in the actual practice of the special branches of engineering which it is proposed they shall represent.

"The Chairman shall ascertain from the books of the Society the eligibility of each member proposed for office. He shall then obtain in writing from each nominee his consent to be placed in nomination. If any of the nominees are found to be ineligible, or fail to give their consent to be placed in nomination, their names shall be removed, and the list completed from those having the highest number of votes on the remainder of the list. After the list of nominees has thus been completed, the Chairman shall send a copy thereof to each member of the Committee for his approval and signature. The list must be signed by a majority of the said Committee. The nomination list shall then be sealed and endorsed "Nomination for Officers of the Society" and forwarded to the Secretary not later than the first of October of the current year, and opened at the first subsequent meeting of the Council.

AYE NAY

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

A copy of the Nominating Committee's list shall be printed and sent out to all Corporate Members of the Society not later than the first of November and returned to the Society on or before twelve o'clock on the first day of the Annual Meeting.

"Any twelve Corporate Members—of whom not more than four may be Associate Members—may present to the Council on or before the first day of December, a list of names proposed by them for officers, such list to be accompanied by the nominee's acceptance of nomination in writing. A copy of such list shall also be sent by the Council to each Corporate Member not later than the following fifteenth of December.

"The list issued by the Nominating Committee shall be headed as such, and at the head of any other nomination list issued, there shall be printed the names of its nominators. Voters may erase names from the printed ballot lists, and may substitute the name or names of any other person or persons eligible for any office.

"Should any member who has given his consent to the nominating Committee for nomination to any office, wish to withdraw such consent, he must do so in writing not later than the first of October of the current year.

"The officers shall be elected by a majority of votes taken by sealed letter ballot. This ballot shall be closed at twelve o'clock noon on the first day of the Annual Meeting. The report of the scrutineers shall give the names of all officers elected, and the number of votes cast for each. In case two or more members shall

have received an equal number of votes for any one office, the choice between such shall be made by ballot at the said Annual Meeting. The number of votes cast for any member as Vice-President not being sufficient to elect him to that office shall be counted in his favor as a candidate for election as a Member of Council.

"Any member may vote for the same person for the offices of President, Vice-President or Member of Council, provided always that, should any member be elected to more than one office, he must choose which he shall hold, and the vacancy thus arising shall be filled by the member or members who receive the next highest number of votes after those already elected to said office or offices.

"The Secretary shall make from the signatures on the outer envelope a list of the voters from whom ballots are received, which list shall be open to the inspection of Corporate Members. A voter may withdraw his ballot and may substitute another at any time before the polls close.

"At the Annual Meeting, the Scrutineers of the ballot for the election of officers and of the elective members of the Nominating Committee may, with the consent of the Meeting, be named by the Chairman. If they are not thus named, they shall be elected by ballot at the Meeting."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 44 by deleting the words "the meetings of the Society shall be as follows."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 44 B, in the first line, by changing the word "meeting to "meetings."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 44 C, in the third line, by inserting the word "fifteen" after "eight," and in the fifth line, by inserting the words "of the Council or" after the word "power," and by adding to the paragraph "eight Corporate Members shall constitute a quorum."

AYE NAY

To delete 44 (d).

AYE NAY

To make 44 (g) read "original papers may be read and discussed."

AYE NAY

To amend 44 D, in the first line, by deleting the words "at eight o'clock in the evening."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 45 by deleting the first two lines and inserting, in the third line, the words "shall not" before "be."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 46, in the fourth line, by substituting the word "may" for the word "shall," and, in the sixth line, by deleting the words "may be."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 48, in the first line, by substituting the word "shall" for "may."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 50, in the second line, by substituting the word "shall" for "may," and, in the third line, by inserting the word "Toronto" after "the."

AYE NAY

To amend By-Law 53, beginning with the fifth line, to read "branch who resides within a radius of fifty miles of the headquarters of the said branch and has paid his fees for the current year."

AYE NAY

To re-number all the By-Laws after the thirty-fifth.

AYE NAY

NOTE.—This voting paper must be enclosed in the envelope marked "Ballot for amendment to By-Laws," and must be returned on or before noon 28th January, 1908.

No signature is to be added to this paper.

C. H. McLEOD,

Secretary.

Montreal,  
November 25th, 1907.